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Friendship Do-Gooders

Marina Mitrinovic and Cindy Choe

On August 25th, Hurricane Harvey hit Southern Texas as a category four, unleashing powerful winds and floods of rain. Still in need of help, the Victims of Hurricane Harvey are receiving help from donated items Ms. Davis's class arranged into care packages and sent them to the affected areas. To contribute to the cause, Mrs. Wing's and Mrs. Hahn's home bases raised \$1,153.47 to donate to the American Red Cross by running a bake sale at conferences.



Mrs. Hahn's and Mrs. Wing's homebases raise funds for hurricane relief during goal setting conferences.

For more photos click [here](#)

The participants from Mrs. Davis's class came to the idea of making care packages because Mrs. Davis shared she knew some victims of Hurricane Harvey herself, and her students felt sympathetic towards the struggles of the people in Southern Texas. "We gathered some stuff for a care package and helped each other out," said Fernando Reyes, one of the sixth graders in Mrs. Davis's class. "My favorite part was when we got to pack up the stuff and send it to Texas."

Another effort was made to help Hurricane Harvey's victims when Mrs. Hahn and Mrs. Wing's home bases banded together to make an impact.

"The project was to raise money for areas that were affected by the hurricane," Mrs. Wing says. Mrs. Hahn's and Mrs. Wing's home bases all contributed to the project, a bake sale, in one way or another. Some students baked goods while others worked at the cash registers.

"We were talking about the hurricane and someone brought up the idea of helping them. We expanded the idea into the bake sale. Mrs. Wing then agreed," Dominica Ptak, a participant from Mrs. Wing's home base says. She also said that after they built the idea of the bake sale, they decided that they needed more helpers so they then asked Mrs. Hahn's home base to contribute to the bake sale.

The victims of Hurricane Harvey have received help from the Friendship Firebirds, and their acts of kindness will hopefully bring more positivity to Friendship Junior High School.

Stranger Danger!

Natalia Kosciarz, William McGarry, and Alice Zahora

Every forty seconds in the US, a child goes missing or is abducted. Of these children, twenty-four percent are abducted by strangers. To determine whether or not the sixth grade students of Friendship know the rules of safety, a social experiment was devised to test their decisions when faced with a "stranger" knocking on the emergency door outside their classroom on October 12.

Two unpaid employees from the Firebird Feed, William McGarry and Natalia Kosciarz, decided to dress up in sweatshirts, wigs, beanies, and bandanas with their coworker, Alice Zahora, providing the costumes and set-up. During third period, they exited the school and went around to door eight that led to Ms. Watterlohn's sixth grade classroom. Ms. Watterlohn, who had been informed of our plan, left the classroom to pick up some papers from the printer, leaving the students alone in the classroom.

When the two undercover experimentalists began to peer in, a few smiled and stared back, but most didn't notice until the knocking occurred. This was when most of the class

went to the door. Many of them stayed quiet and stared, some laughed, and one boy made faces and mocked the undercover students outside. One girl reached to open the door but was shot down by said boy, who yanked her away from the door. Earlier, a student in the class had been informed of the experiment in order to influence the class and persuade them into letting the strangers in, but to the eighth graders it was unclear who it was.



Behind the Scenes
Alice Z., Renee B., Cindy C.,
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Camp Sunrise Welcomes Sixth Graders

Marina Mitrinovic and Cindy Choe

Every school year, the sixth graders at Friendship Junior High go on an organized trip to Camp Sunrise, a fun, two day activity that encourages socializing and teamwork with their classmates. Many students remember it as one of their most enjoyable moments in their junior high experience.

“Most years, the sixth graders believe the evening campfire is the most memorable activity at camp. This year was no exception,” says Mr. Lavine, a teacher at FJHS in charge of the camp trip. He also explained the changes the camp trip has experienced over the many years he has been in charge. “The first camp trip was in 1983. Those students are now 45 years old, and they have their own children in high school. For the first twenty years, we went to Camp Hastings for a two-and-a-half

day overnight trip. The students slept in cabins on bunk beds. When Hastings closed in 2003, we continued to take overnight trips to Camp Duncan for the next six years. Since 2010, we have been taking day trips to Sunrise Lake”.

Many sixth graders report that although they enjoyed the campfire, their favorite activity was *Predator and Prey* as well as canoeing. “My favorite part was predator and prey because I liked the role play of the animals,” says Cheyenne Fisher.

“We got stuck in the algae on the canoes, saw a snapping turtle, and got stuck in buoys,” recounted Alexia Bisak. “Canoeing was my favorite part because we almost fell in the water.”

Depicted by beloved memories and quite amusing pictures, the sixth grade camp trip is truly special to every generation that once walked these Friendship halls.



Photo Submitted by Mr. Lavine

Bracelets for a Cause

Marina Mitrinovic and Cindy Choe

During lunch at Friendship Junior High School, a small table surrounded by about four students is set up in the lunchroom near the front of the room. Colorful handmade bracelets with multiple designs, called pulseras, cover the entire surface of the table, as well as an informational poster. Pulseras are made from the citizens of Nicaragua and Guatemala. The students selling them this school year are proud of the money they have raised.

“We first became aware of the Pulsera Project through word of mouth from other Spanish teachers. Once we looked through their amazing website, we realized this would be a perfect opportunity to teach our students about other Spanish speaking countries and create global citizens.

We hope this sale inspired students to help with our project or other service projects in the future,” says Ms. Bradway, one of Friendship Junior High’s three language teachers, who organized the fundamental parts of the project and invited their classes to help.

“We were selling them to help raise money to help raise money for the Nicaraguans and Guatemalans. We were helping raise money because they aren’t a wealthy country and we were helping them replace things in the school and help people get jobs,” says Ema Hodzic, an eighth grader currently taking Spanish class. This year Friendship Junior High students managed to sell around 225 pulseras, and they successfully raised nearly \$1,000 in support of the cause.

“I felt connected because when I’m wearing the bracelets I feel connected to the people who made them,” says Jessica Herrejon, a student involved with the Pulsera Project. The first step in the process is the making of the bracelets or pulseras. Hand-made by the Nicaraguans, the people in charge of the Pulsera Project buy their pulseras at three times the normal price and sell them to schools. The money goes to the makers of the pulseras. Afterwards, the students resell them at school, and here at FJHS they are worth \$5.00. The money made goes to the people in Guatemala and Nicaragua.

The students may only be in a middle school in Illinois, far away from Central America where Guatemala and Nicaragua are located, but they’re spending their time in Spanish class setting up the sale and eating their lunches while simultaneously working at the cash register are hoping they can make a difference.



A poster advertising the Pulsera Project.
Photo taken by Renee Bhanvadia

Sports Report

Halftime Report

Nina Rasmussen

During our first quarter here at Friendship, there were many sports you could have participated in. Every grade had an option to become active and join in on the fun.

One of the activities many of the students here joined was Cross Country. This competitive sport is open to all grades. They had their conference meet on October 24th.

“We have been preparing all season and it is exciting to see our runners beat their times each race we complete,” Coach Lorch beamed.

Another option was boy’s soccer. Although they did not win many games, they are really coming together as a team. Soccer does not have a tournament so the regular season standings are their finals ones. They prepare for future games by talking about previous games and analyzing what happened.

“I think the season is going well,” decided Ms. Wall,” especially considering we have boys that are from a variety of levels and have not played together before.”

Girl’s basketball for 7th and 8th graders was another option.. The girl’s basketball program worked very hard to prepare for their tournament. “We’re doing a good job based on all the new stuff that I’m throwing at them, it’s a new way of playing basketball,” explained Coach Verback before they had their tournament on October 28th.

Get ready for some new sports in second quarter. Boy’s basketball and Spirit Squad tryouts are this week.



Our eighth grade basketball team going against Chippewa.

Check out more photos [here](#).



Mateusz Wojtowicz during the eighth grade soccer team’s game against Holmes.

Photo credits: Mr. Andresen

Fine Arts Report

Firebird Fiddlers

Layna Davis



FJHS 8th grade orchestra at work.

Photo credit: Layna Davis

For some students in the Friendship orchestra, playing in concerts and daily rehearsals aren’t enough, they want something to do after school. Some students don’t like to play in front of big crowds, the pieces assigned don’t give them the excitement that they strive for, or push them harder to nail and play greatly. These are students who work harder than most. These students strive to be a part of the Firebird Fiddlers. This is a student-led group/club coordinated by the school’s orchestra teacher, Miss Lee, for students who want to expand their musical abilities.

Auditions for this group will be held in the orchestra/band room, starting the process in the second or third week of October. The students who qualify will have their practice in the orchestra/band room twice a week. These practices help students prepare for their performances at nursing homes; “to give back to the community,” Miss Lee explained. Musicians in the Firebird Fiddlers will also receive service credit for their performances and all the hard work they put into it. Miss Lee also said “I plan to play pop, jazz, fiddle music and other things too, I want to have a variety.” Students like to try and help and by going to a senior citizen home will make our elders happy. “I love playing my instrument, and I would like some more experiences playing outside of the orchestra community,” Raphael, a first violinist shares when asked why he would like to audition.

Although it would be a great idea for students to explore their instrument and learn about it, only seventh and eighth graders are allowed to audition for the Fiddlers. “Firebird Fiddlers is a more advanced group, and sixth graders have only mastered the basic skills at that age,” Miss Lee tells us. So if musician go and audition to become a Fiddler, they will be able to have fun with Miss Lee. But if students happen to be a sixth grader, get working and prepare for next year to audition, the students that will practice will be a great addition to the Fiddlers next year just like all the students this year. Join in on the fun!

Horror Story

The Forgotten

Joshua Notini

The Unified Anonymous Group rose to power during the mid-1900's in northern Russia and were known for their vile experiments on humans. However, this all ended after one test changed their lives forever. All known documentation of the event has been destroyed except for a semi-mangled book found deep in their abandoned headquarters.



The experiment chamber over sixty years later

On May 9, 1941, a UAG executive named Keem Wolf ordered a pair of test subjects to live secluded in a dark, damp room with only food, water, and one hole in the ceiling for light. This group consisted of a teenage girl and a male psychopath. The premise of the experiment was to see what goes through the mind of a psychopath when in dire situations. However, the UAG did not have any idea what horrors would occur in this room.

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An example meal provided to test subjects

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Sign	Halloween Costumes	Best Halloween Costumes For Each Sign Kush Shah
Aquarius  (January 20 to February 18)	Alien	Often aiming for perfection, this unusual thinker lives outside the box more than any other astrology sign. Also, Aquarius people can be weird and free-spirited, making the Aquarius people and aliens alike.
Pisces  (February 19 to March 20)	Angel	With Pisces you will find a patient, insightful, profound, peaceful and creative individual who is thoughtful and sensitive to the feelings of others, fitting the qualities of an angel.
Aries  (March 21 to April 19)	Military Costume/Soldier	On the off chance there is another development to be pushed upon the world, an Aries person has the strength, the energy and the drive to make it happen. An Aries's courage and intensity makes them a perfect candidate for dressing up as a soldier or something relating to the military.
Taurus  (April 20 to May 20)	Royalty (King or Queen)	Taurus' for strength, reliability, and trustworthiness. They often spend an excess amount of money and have a drive for protection from danger. Everything stated says Taurus should look after a kingdom and dress as a king or a queen for halloween.
Gemini  (May 21 to June 20)	Magician	Gemini is the trickster of the zodiacs. They are normally extremely adaptable. Being a handyman makes them appear quite intelligent, fitting the descriptions of a magician.
Cancer  (June 21 to July 22)	Psychic	Cancers are the most mystic of all the considerable number of astrology signs. They have a heartfelt sense of the feelings the majority of people experience.
Leo (July 23 to August 22) 	Clown	Leos always want to be in the spotlight. They are optimistic people who are the most outgoing. Leos can be very attractive, enthusiastic, and charming, invoking many attributes of a clown.
Virgo (August 23 to September 22) 	Teacher or Professor	Virgos are exceptionally down to earth, capable, helpful and dependable, suiting most of the traits for a teacher or a professor.
Libra  (September 23 to October 22)	Fashion Designers or Models	Libra is an air sign ruled by Venus, and Venus is the goddess of love and beauty. The goddess of love and beauty is also the light of motivation and dedication. The perfect Halloween costume for a libra would be a model or fashion designer.
Scorpio  (October 23 to November 21)	Grim Reaper	As the sign embraces the idea of death, Scorpios would look perfect with a grim reaper costume on.
Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) 	Philosopher	Curious and enthusiastic, Sagittarius people are the biggest travelers mentally among all zodiac signs. Their receptive outlook and philosophical view rouses them to meander the world over while looking for the significance of life.
Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) 	Secret Agent	A Capricorn is immovably grounded in reality and is the voice of reason even in mayhem. As long as a Capricorn has a sense of duty and reason, they are happy. Capricorns are also described as reasonable, conservative, very practical and dependable, making the idea of a secret agent suit a Capricorn.

Getting to Know Mr. Bromley

Lourymae Visperas

“If you could be a book character for a day, who would it be? Why?”

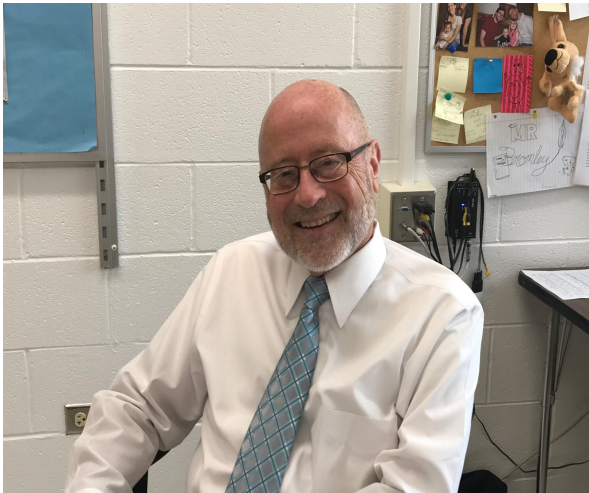
“Book character? Henry V, good question. He was a king who had everything in one of Shakespeare’s plays.”

“What do you like to do when you go home from school?”

“Play with my dogs. We usually like to go on long walks and play with their bell-shaped toy. When I’m in Wisconsin with them, they swim a lot.”

“Why do you wear a shirt and tie every day?”

“I believe it is important to look professional. I think as a role model, you should show that you have self respect.”



Mr. Bromley - 7th grade LA teacher
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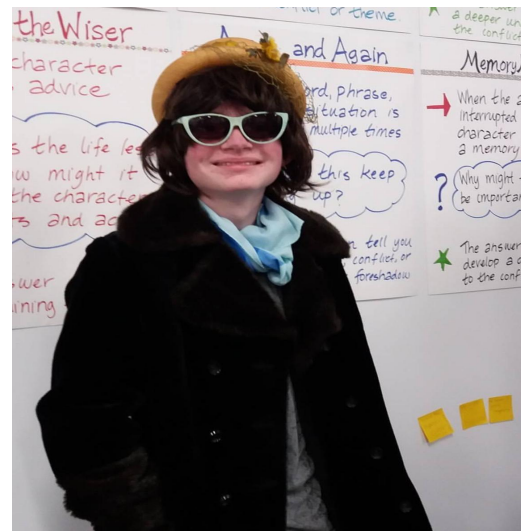
Ms. Davis's class gathers supplies for hurricane victims in Texas.
Click [here](#) for more pics!

Social Experiment (Continued)

William, one of the “strangers” banging on the door, had this to say about the reaction from a certain student, “What he did was rude, but then again, we were complete strangers trying to get into the classroom.”

If you ever encounter a suspicious stranger, be cautious with the actions you take. Eliminate all risk of anything going south by taking the necessary precautions. If you see a shady figure, consult an adult, but if there are no trustworthy adults around, try to slip away without arousing suspicion from the sketchy character. If this is not an option, do not be tempted by anything such as candy. If force is used to abduct you, try to fight back and scream to alert someone close by.

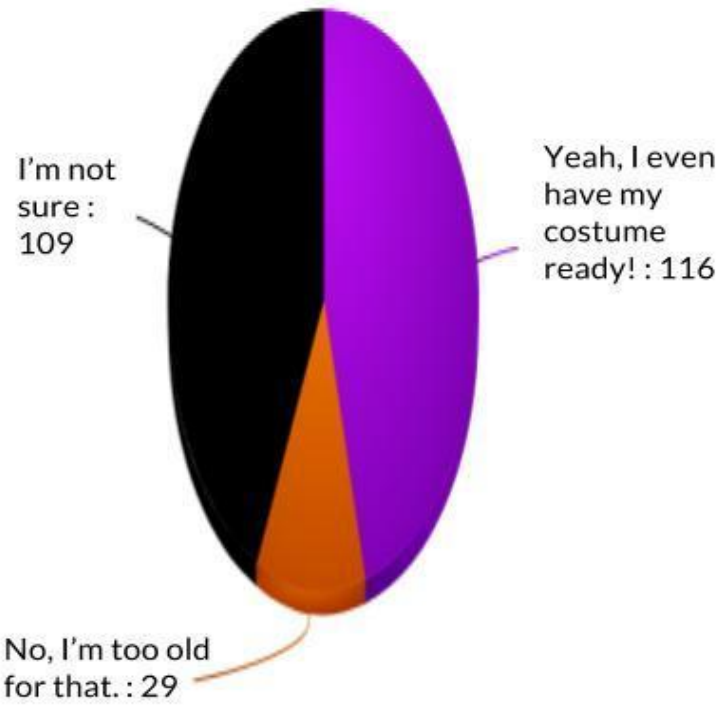
Although the kids in this class refused to let us in, child abduction is still a very real problem. Let this serve as a lesson to you; in the event that you are in the vicinity of a suspicious character, follow the tips mentioned above and do not fall victim to their mind games.



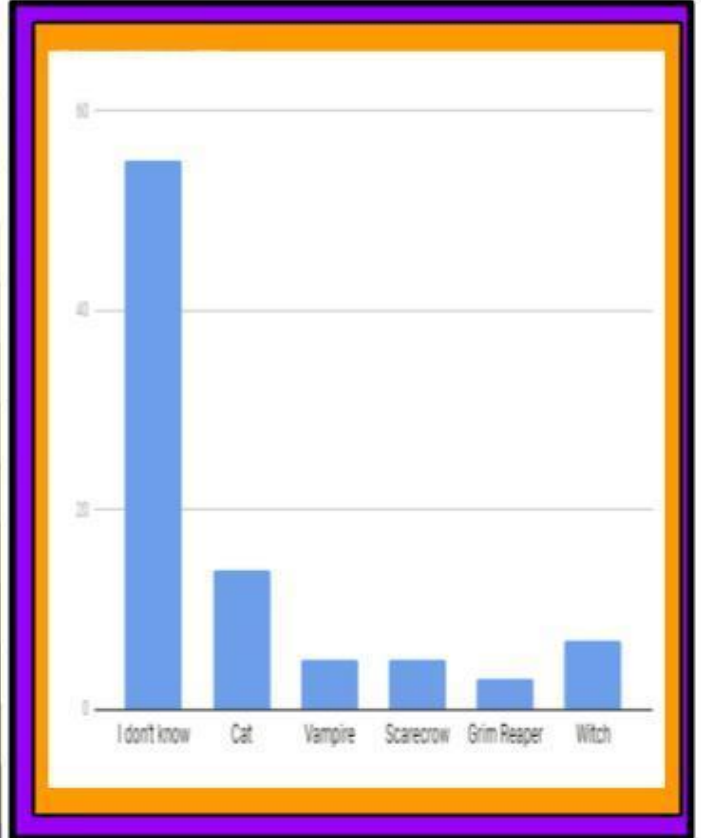
Preparing the disguise - William McGarry
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HALLOWEEN SURVEYS

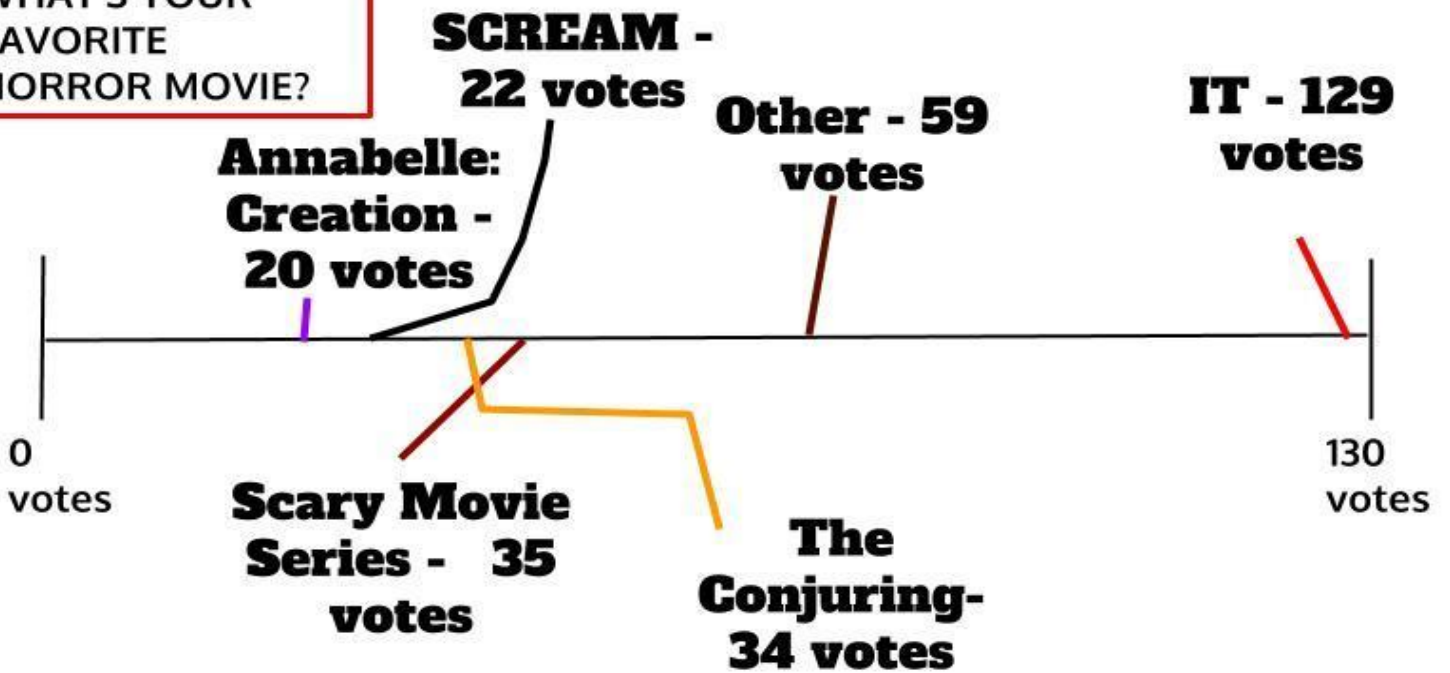
ARE YOU GOING TRICK-OR-TREATING?



WHAT'S YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME?



WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HORROR MOVIE?





Graphics/Design:10/10
Gameplay:10/10
Multiplayer:5/10
Optimization:3/10
Overall:9/10



Coming from FROMSOFTWARE, we have Dark Souls 3. As the most recent game in the series, it certainly is the most expansive of the Souls games, especially with the recently released Ringed City. Dark Souls has been infamous for being very challenging, and this installment is no different.

Starting with character creation, there are many ways you can customize your character, allowing for many different ways to express yourself in this game. The tutorial afterwards is pretty straightforward; messages are placed on the ground to learn the controls. After reaching a bonfire, a place to rest and restore your health, you will meet the first boss of the game pretty soon. This boss is a test of a player's skills. If you cannot defeat him, you won't survive the rest of the game. A place you will have to visit many times is the second bonfire, "Firelink Shrine", as it contains almost all of the services to aid you along your journey, and it is the only place you can level your character.

You meet new people as the game progresses, and you start different quests, though the game doesn't guide you through them so you have to follow through yourself. Many tough enemies and bosses will challenge you along the way until you get one of four different endings. If you beat the game, there are two DLC's with new areas and more . Overall this is a very challenging game that tests your skills and your ability to learn your opponent's moves.

One problem that comes up is that the player is kicked from online play for having a low framerate. There is exactly one area where I can play online in this game, and on the condition that I look into the mountains in the background. There really should be more options for people with lower-end computers.

This game, with the two DLC's, is one of the most challenging. With lots of hard games being compared to this, despite having almost no connection, shows how infamous it is for its difficulty. It is definitely worth the money you pay, but you should probably buy it on sale if you want the DLCs because of the total 85 dollar price. With 59.99 the cost of the game, you should definitely try this one.

Ask Freddie

Dear Freddie,

What should I do if my friend hates my other friend, and they don't get along?

-Caring and Distressed

Dear Caring and Distressed,

First, if they don't get along you shouldn't force them to. If you really want them to make up first, try asking them why they hate each other. Once you find that out, you can start from there and work out the problem. That probably won't make them automatic friends, but it'll help.

-Freddie the Firebird

Dear Freddie,

I need help! I have two Fs!

-Struggling but Persevering

Dear Struggling but Persevering,

The first thing you need to do is turn in any missing/late assignments even if they were due a long time ago. Remember that some points are better than none. You should also work with your teacher and work out extra credit opportunities.

-Freddie the Firebird

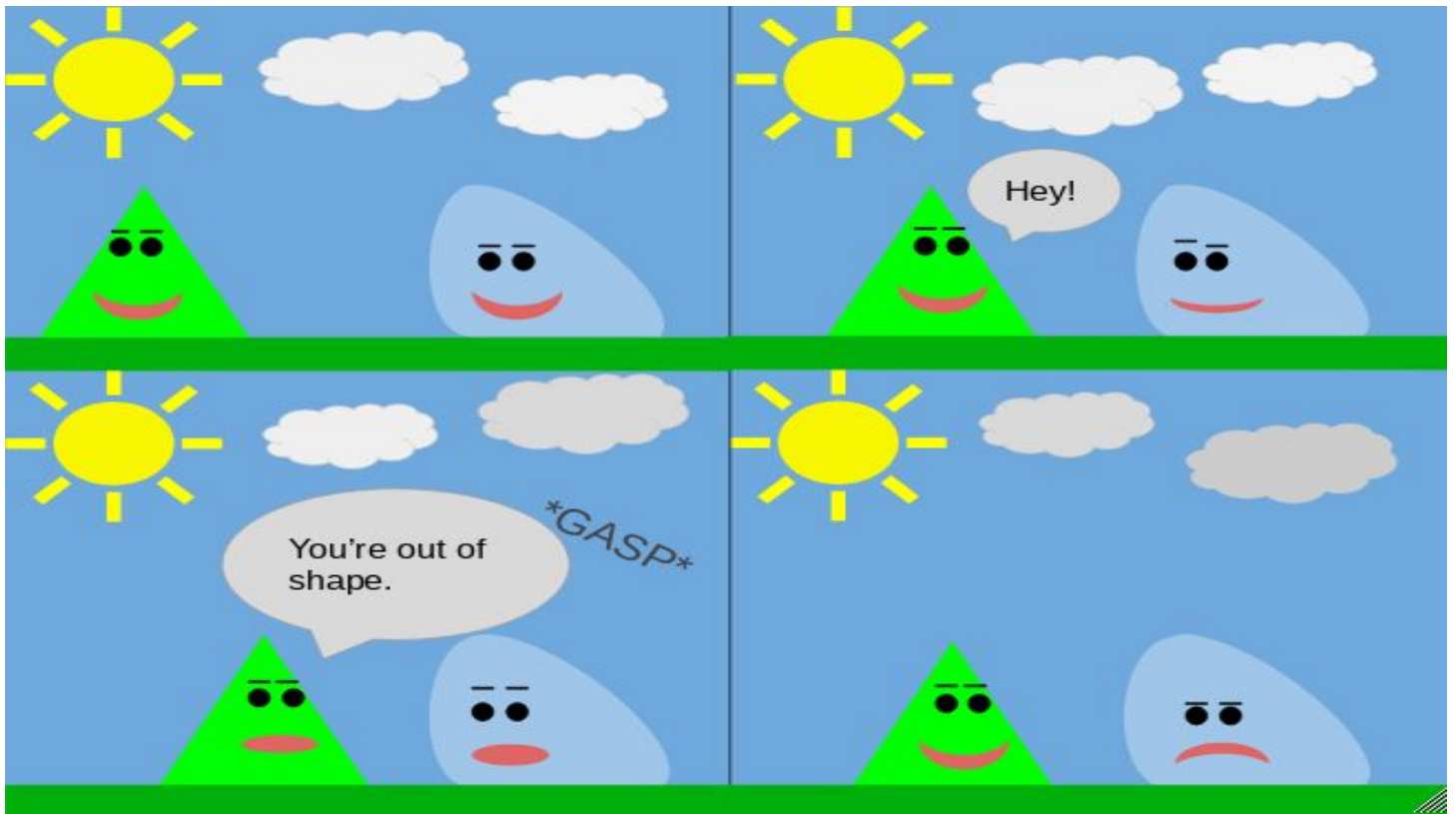
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[Ask Freddie Questions/Responses](#)



Our resident advice giver, Freddie the Firebird

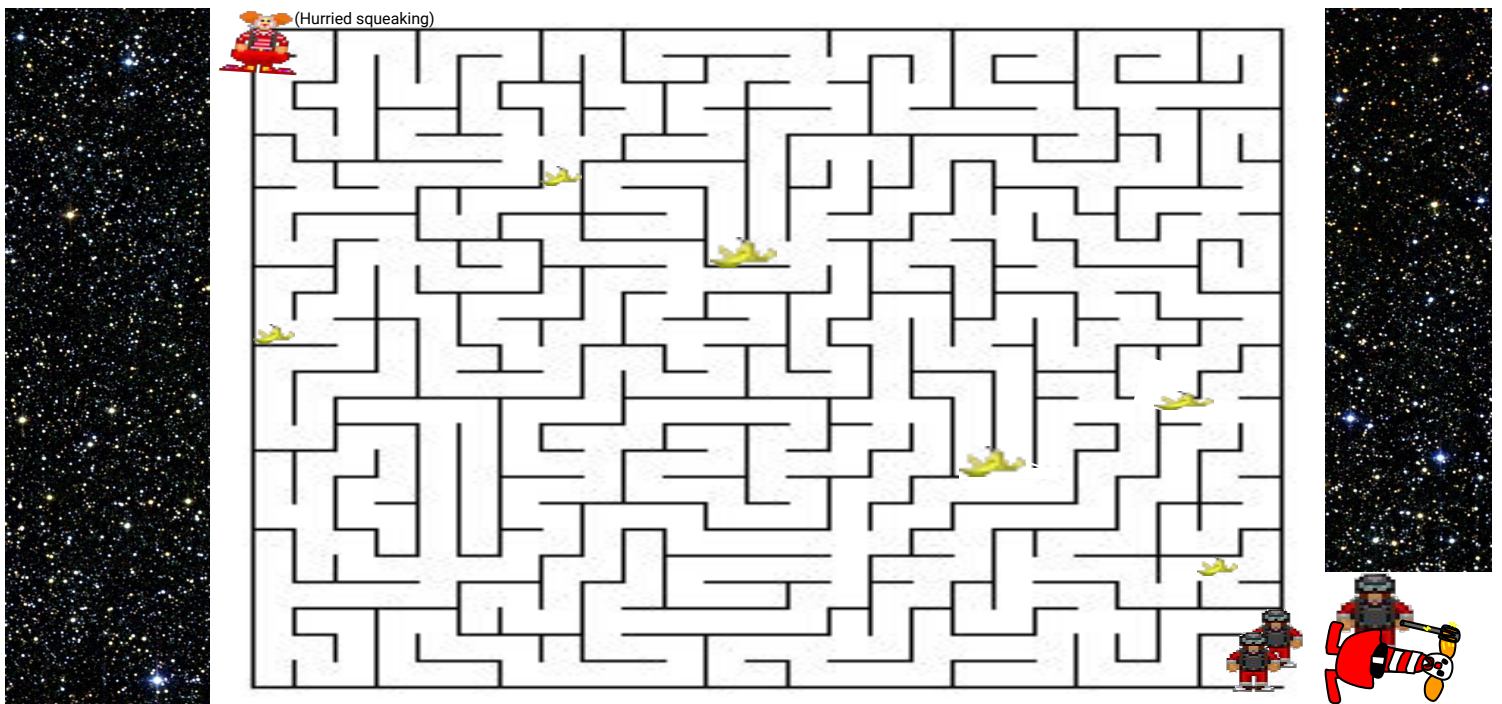
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Fun Crew

You are on a space station and the station clown wants to throw you out an airlock. You can't POSSIBLY guess why (you threw his horn in the garbage disposal). He has littered the station with banana peels to prevent you from passing. Try to reach the security team before he catches up to you!



Craft with the Firebirds!

Ugly Smiles

Ali Alilova

Materials: Apples, mini marshmallows, blanched almonds or cashews and peanut butter

Procedure:

1. Slice apples into wedges (size depends on how thick you want the lip to be).
2. Use a butter knife to spread peanut butter evenly and thick on 2 apples wedges.
3. Line the buttered side of an apple wedge with marshmallows. Optional: leave two spaces for fangs (almonds/cashews).
4. Add a blanched almond or a cashew, to the spaces you left out.
5. Top with the other apple wedge.



Finished Ugly Smiles

Note: If you only have access to regular almonds, follow the process below to blanch them yourself;

1. Bring a pot of water to a boil.
2. Add the almonds to boiling water and leave for 1 MINUTE (no more than a minute)
3. Immediately drain almonds using a colander and rinse with cold water to cool them.
4. Lightly pinch the almond, wiggling your fingers, for the skin to come off.



Blanching almonds

Creepy Jar Lanterns

Ali Alilova

Materials: Mason jar, gauze pads, googly eyes, glue gun, fake battery-powered candles, (Optional: glow in the dark paint, candy)

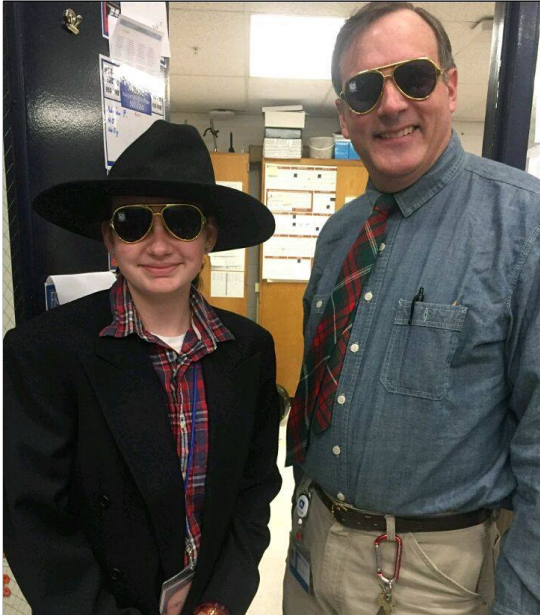
Procedure:

1. Paint a couple mason jars with glow in the dark paint. Let dry. (Leave a few unpainted.)
2. Unfold/unwrap gauze pads and stretch out to give them the old and used look.
3. Using hot glue gun, glue on a dot where you want to begin wrapping and quickly stick the gauze wrap on it. Begin wrapping about the jar in an up and down motion. (This step is for unpainted jars only.)
4. Add some glue along the way just to keep the wrapping tight.
5. Glue a pair of googly eyes on both jars.
6. Place a fake candle inside unpainted jars.
7. Fill painted jars with candy.



Finished Creepy Jar Lanterns

Photo Contest Winners!



Mary-Jo Coleman and Mr. Dall are twinning.



Gabi N., Nicole R., and Gizelle S. show school spirit.



Has anyone seen Mr. Verback?

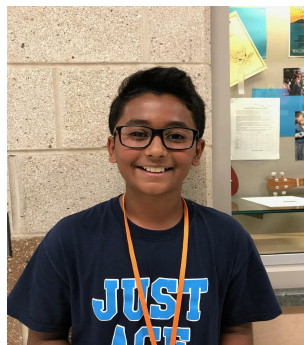
All winners come to 210B to collect your prize.

For more images of Red Ribbon Week, click [here](#)

Bird Box

Interviewed By:
Lourymae Visperas

Allen Paul- 6th



Sofia Doris- 7th



Ecaterina Tureac- 8th



What do you like to do outside of school?	Hip Hop dance	I like to run, play soccer, or go to the park.	Dance Classes
What animal would you like to be for a day?	I would want to be a puppy.	I would like to be a bird for a day because I would be able to fly.	I want to be a bird so I can fly.
What is your worst fear?	Clowns (Pennywise)	Family Member's Death	Death